reaching the poorest of the country. Suggestions were also received to integrate Overseas Indians into the main stream socio economic development of the country including the welfare of emigrant workers in the host countries. These suggestions will be taken into consideration while making policy decisions.

Fraudulent activities in sending people abroad

†1093. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several people in India are cheating innocent persons by luring them to get employment abroad through fraudulent activites and violating the set norms in this regard;

(b) if so, the measures being taken by Government to check this trend; and

(c) the number of cases that came to light during the years 2003 to 2006 and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) Complaints are received about cheating of Indian workers seekings jobs abroad by some unscrupulous recruiting agents in India. Panel action is taken against illegal/unregistered recruiting agents for violation of privisions of the Emigration ACt, 1983 by referring their cases to the Police authorities concerned. Actioni against registered Recruiting Agents in such cases is taken by suspension/cancellation of their Registration Certificates.

With a view to curbing the exploitation of Indian workers going abroad, it has been made mandatory w.e.f. 15.11.2003 for the Recuriting Agents to submit all the employment document, viz., demand letter, power of attorney and specimen employment contract in original for obtaining emigration clearance. These employment documents are required to be attested by the concerned Indian Mission (s) in the case of unskilled workers and housemads/domestic servants.

During the years 2003—2006, number of complaints received against registered Recruiting Agents, whose Registration Certificates were suspended/cancelled, is as follows:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Year	Suspended	Cancelled
2003	03	02
2004	24	02
2005	28	16
2006	49	28

During the same period, the number of complaints filed against the unresgistered Recruiting Agents with the Police authorities concerned are as under:

Year	No. of complaints filed.
2003	25
2004	39
2005	53
2006	78

Share of Indian immigrants to Europe

1094. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India continues to be one of the largest source of talented immigrant work-force to the US and different European countries;

(b) if so, the India's share of such immigrants to these countries during the last five years and current year, so far; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to promote such immigration?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Since emigration check is not required for US and European countries, no record of the Indian emigrants going to these countries is maintained.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Legal assistance to Indian women abroad

1095. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state: